

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re patent application of: Date: February 2, 2007  
Applicant : Erik Monsen, et al. Attorney Docket : F-709  
Application No. : 10/674,135 Customer No. : 00919  
Filed : September 29, 2003 Confirmation No. : 2500  
Examiner : Eric Liou Group Art Unit : 3628  
Title : METHOD FOR POSTAGE EVIDENCING FOR THE PAYMENT  
OF TERMINAL DUES

**STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP UNDER 35 USC § 103(c)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above referenced U.S. Patent Application, Number 10/674,135 (the present application) was filed on or after September 29, 2003.

The present application and the Pierce et al. United States Patent Number 6,865,558 B1 entitled "POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING THIRD PARTY PAYMENT CAPABILITY" as shown in an assignment recorded from inventor Allen L. Kramer in Reel/Frame 011495/0448 to Pitney Bowes Inc. on January 22, 2001, and the October 5, 2000 Assignment from Perry A. Pierce (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A). It appears from Pitney Bowes Inc. records that the October 5, 2000, Assignment from Perry A. Pierce was not recorded in the U.S. Patent Office and File No. F-209 is the Docket No. for U.S. Patent Number 6,865,558 B1. This patent and the present application were at the time of the invention of the present application,

commonly owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity,  
namely Pitney Bowes Inc.

Respectfully submitted,



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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Perry A. Pierce and Allen L. Kramer have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING THIRD PARTY PAYMENT CAPABILITY** identified as File Number **6-209** in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department files of the hereinafter-mentioned assignee, and said Perry A. Pierce has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000; and said Allen L. Kramer has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2000;

AND WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation the entire right, title and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said invention, said application and any and all patents (including extensions thereof, and all the rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including the right to claim for any foreign patent application the priority date of the corresponding U.S. patent application) of any country, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or on said application or any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue or other patent application based in whole or in part thereon, or based upon said invention;

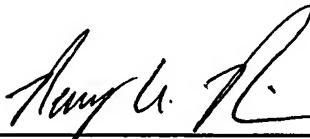
TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by said corporation, its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the respective terms of which said patents or any of them have been or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States application or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said corporation;

AND we hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said corporation fully to secure to said corporation, its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives and agree with said corporation, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention to anyone except said corporation, that, prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Perry A. Pierce

10/5/2000  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Allen L. Kramer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of Connecticut )  
                         ) ss. Shelton  
County of Fairfield )

On this 5th day of October, 2000, personally appeared before me the above-named Perry A. Pierce to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

  
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Christian A. Beck  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires March 31, 2005

State of Connecticut )  
                      ) ss. Shelton  
County of Fairfield )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2000, personally appeared before me the above-named Allen L. Kramer to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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